

NOT AVAILABLE COPY

a sealing member sealing the inner member to the receiving member at a distance of less than 14% of the maximum dimension (D) from the respective pivot.--

--22. (Amended) The flexible joint assembly of claim 21 wherein:

the first pivot (P1) is a pivot point;

the second pivot (P2) is a pivot point.--

--23. (Amended) A flexible joint assembly comprising:

a joint assembly inlet;

a joint assembly outlet; and

a fluid flow path between the inlet and the outlet, the fluid flow path

including:

a first pivot joint configured to pivot over a first arc about a first pivot (P1);

a second pivot joint configured to pivot over a second arc about a second pivot (P2); and

a central fluid conductor fluidly coupling the pivot joints, each of the first pivot joint and second pivot joint including:

a received joint member having a dimension (D) in a direction substantially normal to a path through each of the pivot joint assemblies' inlet and outlet; and

a receiving joint member dimensioned to pivotally receive at least part of the received joint member, wherein:

either the received joint member is coupled to one of the joint assembly inlet and the joint assembly outlet and the receiving joint member is coupled to the central fluid conductor, or the receiving joint member is coupled to one of the joint assembly inlet and the joint assembly outlet and the received joint member is coupled to the central fluid conductor; and

a contact point between each receiving joint member and the central fluid conductor whereby the pivot joint is fully pivoted over the respective arc being within 75% of the maximum dimension (D) distant from the respective pivot.--

A,
(cont)

--24. (Amended) The flexible joint assembly of claim 23 wherein each receiving joint member extends less than 35% of the maximum dimension (D) beyond the respective pivot.

--25. (Amended) The flexible joint assembly of claim 24 wherein each receiving joint member extends less than 30% of the maximum dimension (D) centrally beyond the respective pivot.--

--26. (Amended) The flexible joint assembly of claim 23 wherein each of the first pivot (P1) and the second pivot (P2) is a pivot point.--

A,
(cond)